

NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT

The Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission ("GAEC") hereby provides notice of its intention to strictly interpret and aggressively enforce O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a), which makes it a crime for anyone who has plead guilty or *nolo contendere* to a felony or crime of moral turpitude to promote mixed martial arts or kickboxing matches or to serve as a manager, matchmaker, or organizer for a promoter of kick boxing or mixed martial arts matches in the State of Georgia, for a period of ten (10) years from the date of the entry of the plea.

O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a) applies to any and all mixed martial arts and kickboxing promotions held in Georgia, regardless of whether the competitors are professional or amateur and regardless of whether any sanctioning body is involved with the promotion. The sentence that was received or subsequent treatment of the felony or crime of moral turpitude is not relevant to the application of O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a).

Violations of O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a) are prosecutable, criminal offenses with penalties that can include confinement and/or fines. A first offense under O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a) is a misdemeanor of high and aggravated nature. Subsequent violations of O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a) constitute felonies.

GAEC will henceforth remain vigilant with regard to monitoring promotions in Georgia to ensure that they do not contravene O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a). Should GAEC determine that any upcoming promotion violates O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a), GAEC will participate in and support all legally available means to enforce O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a), including but not limit to criminal prosecution of those involved in the illegal promotion(s).

This notice of enforcement has been issued pursuant to a unanimous vote of the entire GAEC taken on November 10, 2009.

The Executive Director of GAEC has been directed to post this Notice on the website of GAEC and to send a copy of same to:

1. Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police;
2. Georgia Sheriffs' Association;
3. District Attorneys' Association of Georgia;
4. Georgia Association of Solicitors-General; and
5. Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

and request that those law enforcement and prosecutorial organizations to distribute this notice to their membership and advise them that GAEC is prepared to assist in the forceful application and enforcement of O.C.G.A. § 43-4B-53 (a) from this day forward.